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Petersbourg, December 13.

THE 7th Inſtant being the Princeſs of Mecklenbourg's Birth-day, who is now entred into her 18th Year, all the Foreign Miniſters and Perſons of Diſtinction waited on her Highneſs in the Morning, to compliment her on that Occaſion, and then they went to Court, where they had the Honour to dine. In the Evening all the Houſes of the Town were illuminated, and at Night there was a Ball at Court. This Court has lately received Advice from Conſtantinople, that Thamas Kouli Kan has taken Erivan; but as yet the ſame is not confirmed by the Way of Perſia, from whence this Court has had no News for ſome Time paſt, which is attributed to the Mouth of the River Volga's being frozen, ſo that no Veſſels can come to Aſtracan from Perſia; and the Couriers that come all the Way by Land are a long while on the Road, being obliged to paſs ſeveral Deſerts, which makes their Arrival very uncertain. General Levarhoff, who formerly commanded the Ruſſian Army in Perſia, and of late in the Dagheſtan Country, has quitted thoſe Parts, and is already arrived with the greateſt Part of his Troops at Czaritzina, which is a Town about 400 Miles on this Side of Aſtracan: This looks as if this Court was certain that the Tartar Cham will not paſs the Dagheſtan Country; and it is generally reported here, that ſome of the Tartars that ſet out with the Cham are actually returned to the Crimea.

Berlin, Jan. 7, *N. S.* Laſt Thurſday the King of Pruſſia left this Place, to go and ſpend a few Days with his Regiment at Potzdam. The laſt Letters we have from Warſaw are of the 27th of December, and the only material Article they contain, is, that M. Keyſerling, the Ruſſian Miniſter, had received an Expreſs from Petersbourg, with the Ratifications of what had been ſettled with the Poliſh Senators touching the Departure of 22000 Ruſſians; ſo that when this Agreement takes Place, there will only remain in Poland of Muſcovite Troops, ſix Regiments of Foot, and two of Horſe.

Hague, Jan. 13, *N. S.* The Difficulties which retarded the Departure of Mr. Walpole for England being like to be removed in a few Days, his Excellency is preparing to go very ſoon, it may be in a Day or two. The Province of Frieſland has conſented to what was lately propoſed in Anſwer to the Preliminaries; the Conſent of Groninguen is expected on Monday next, as likewiſe that of Utrecht in a few Days after, the States of that Province being to meet on Wedneſday next. Notwithſtanding the Memorial preſented to the States by the Marqueſs de St. Gilles, that Ambaſſadour declares every where, that the King his Maſter is not againſt the Preliminaries, and is willing to accept the good Offices of the Maritime Powers; but for the Sake of his Honour, his Catholick Majeſty will not be compell'd to accept them. The Miniſters of Vienna, France, Poland, and Sardinia here, live in perfect Harmony; thoſe of Spain and Ruſſia continue to avoid the others.

Whitehall, January 5.

The King has been pleaſed to appoint Robert Trevor, Eſq; to be Secretary of his Majeſty's Extraordinary Embaſſy to the States General of the United Provinces.

Whitehall, Dec. 9, 1735.

Whereas two anonymous Letters without any Date were lately dropt in the Yard of Iſaac Mallinger, of Eltham, in the County of Kent, Carpenter, ordering him to lay Ten Guineas at the North End of his Hay Stack, threatning, in Caſe of Non-compliance, to burn his Hay Stack, and do him other Damage; but that if he complied, he ſhould there find a Writing that they had ſtollen from him ſome Time ago. The ſaid Mallinger is alſo commanded by the ſaid Letters to tell Sir Thomas Steavens to lay the like Sum under a Hay Stack near his Garden in Eltham aforeſaid, the 22d Day of this Inſtant December, threatning, in Caſe of Refuſal, that it ſhall be